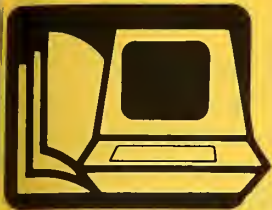


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## AGNET: THE FIRST DECADE

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### Introduction

AGNET (Agricultural Computing Network) celebrated its 10th anniversary in January of this year. The international network, designed to be an easy-to-use management tool for the agricultural community, has clients in 47 states and eight foreign countries. The co-founders, and still co-leaders, of the system are James G. Kendrick, an agricultural economist, and Thomas L. Thompson, an agricultural engineer. These two University of Nebraska professors believe the main reason for AGNET's popularity and growth is strict adherence to the policy of responsiveness to our users. The current "library" of services is not the result of any grand design; the AGNET staff simply listened to the users and made every effort to supply their needs.

Students and researchers on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) campus were using computerized farm and home management models in the early 1970's. When researchers and Extension Service personnel at off-campus locations began requesting the ability to use these models, a pilot project was initiated. In January 1975, two terminals were installed at the Panhandle Station, 400 miles west of Lincoln. Connection to the State of Nebraska computer, on which the AGNET system resides, was made over phone lines. With the help of a Federal grant in 1977, AGNET was extended to other states. Today, Central AGNET is headquartered at the UNL campus, with AGNET offices at the land-grant universities in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Washington. Central AGNET is a self-funded, auxiliary enterprise of the University of Nebraska. This means that the operation exists solely on user fees. It is not subsidized with tax dollars. Clients pay full costs for resources used. Central AGNET is both a "wholesaler" (to other AGNET offices) and "retailer" of services.

AGNET offers three basic types of services: management models, current information, and electronic communications. Clients use one, two, or all three types of service, depending on the nature of their business.

### Management Models

Management models are authored by subject matter experts at the various land-grant universities. Some of the larger, more complex programs were developed by interdisciplinary teams. For example BEEF, a simulation and economic analysis of feeder's performance, was developed by specialists in animal science, agricultural economics, and agricultural engineering. While AGNET is a registered service mark of the University of Nebraska, programs like BEEF are owned by the subject matter experts who authored them.

With the establishment of AGNET offices at other universities, local specialists not only contributed new programs to the electronic library, but also modified existing ones to tailor them to local conditions. For example, when Montana users run BEEF or FEEDMIX (a least cost feed formulation model), they get the Montana State University version, including recommendations from the institution's specialists, as well as databases containing locally available feeds and weather data.

Management models used by USDA include: FORESTPAK (a package of forest management programs developed in cooperation with the Forest Service), CROPBUDGET (analyzes costs of producing various crops) and FARMPROGRAM (analyzes the USDA Acreage Reduction Program). This last model experienced phenomenal use in early 1983 when more than 10,000 analyses of the PLK program were made by governmental agencies, producers, Extension agents, bankers, consultants, and grain merchants.

In response to the increasing number of clients with personal computers, AGNET developed TEMPLATE, a routine that downloads an "input form" to the computer disk storage system so it can be completed off-line. The user then connects to AGNET and uploads the answers for computation. By significantly reducing on-line time, the user experiences up to an 80 percent reduction in connect and phone charges.

#### **Current Information**

AGNET's management models generally require two types of client input for optimal results: 1) data specific to the client's individual operation such as type of soil or cost of labor and 2) data that directly affects the operation but is external to it such as price of corn, production outlook, and projected demand. Models that run with accurate internal data, but with reliance upon "guessed" or "average" external data, can yield meaningful results. However, if the external data were the most current available, the results would then aid in enhanced decision making. In a similar vein, information that is current may be interesting, but without a mechanism to analyze the impact of that information in a specific setting, managers are forced to guess what the implications are for their situations. Thus, AGNET has strived to provide decision makers with the tools for optimal analysis: management models and current information programs that permit "custom fit" results.

One of our biggest sources of current information is the USDA. AGNET carries commodity marketing and outlook and situation reports, press releases, foreign trade leads and attache reports from the Economic Research Service, Statistical Reporting Service, Foreign Agricultural Service, and the Office of Information.

AGNET's extensive use of "electronic workers" enables a several-thousand line report to be automatically broken apart upon receipt of transmission into a menu showing date, number of lines, and a short description--all in a matter of a few seconds. Very few users of on-line information systems want to



print out entire reports. The menu format allows cost-effective "pinpoint" retrieval. For example, a user could select to read only the "Oranges" section and associated tables in the ERS Fruit Outlook and Situation report.

Selective retrieval can also be applied to the foreign trade leads. A client can access all of the trade leads, a category (grains) or a subcategory (wheat), for a user-specified number of days (up to 1 week). Many state departments of agriculture pull all the leads on a daily basis, and then distribute them to exporters within their states. While some general exporting firms (particularly on the coasts and Gulf ports) select the "all" option, companies with a particular type of product to sell retrieve trade leads by specific categories.

Other sources of current information besides USDA include: specialists at universities, state departments of agriculture, and private agribusiness concerns who contribute market analysis reports and prices.

Just as TEMPLATE was written for use with management models, the FUNCTION routine was developed to streamline the information retrieval process. FUNCTION memorizes user interaction, capturing the terminal commands and storing them. The user can then log on at a future time and type FUNCTION followed by the file name (determined by the user), and repeat all of the commands in the sequence in which they were originally stored. For example, if a client daily accesses the CBT closing wheat and corn prices, and wheat and corn trade leads, saving 1 day's commands allows that user to do this on a daily basis by typing the two words "FUNCTION DAILY."

Clients also have the ability to do a key word search in any of the main information packages (MARKETS, NEWSRELEASE, ERS, and FAS). The KEYWORD routine enables the user to perform a full text search of up to five key words, for as many days as each program allows. The output of the search provides a menu of reports containing all the specified words. KEYWORD can be incorporated into a FUNCTION.

Another type of information service is typified by the program HAYLIST. While established markets exist for feedgrains and livestock, producers of commodities like hay have no organized marketing channels. Responding to this void in the marketplace, various state departments of agriculture worked with AGNET programmers to develop HAYLIST, a listing service for buyers and sellers of hay. Users wanting to buy can search by state or county, and by hay type and harvest method. This program is experiencing a surge in use today as last summer's lack of adequate moisture in and around Montana has caused livestock feeders in that general area to look to alternate marketing sources for their feed. Similar listing services exist for foundation seed and ewes.

AGNET is a public network carrying out the mission defined in the 1887 Hatch Act: that of "acquiring and diffusing among the people of the United States useful and practical information on

subjects connected with agriculture." For this reason, duplication and redistribution of all reports on the AGNET system (including rebroadcast on other information networks) is not only permitted, but strongly encouraged.

### **Electronic Communications**

The third type of service offered by AGNET is electronic mail. Many networks today have electronic messaging systems. This feature was originally added to AGNET so the geographically dispersed AGNET offices could keep in constant contact, without worrying if the person needing to be reached was in travel status or in a different time zone. It did not take long for clients to realize the value of electronic mail.

After the eruption of Mount St. Helens in 1980--the year Washington State University (WSU) established an AGNET office--AGNET's MAILBOX program provided a vital link for the WSU Cooperative Extension Service. County agents in the field, specialists on the WSU campus, and personnel in the office of the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. used electronic mail to coordinate disaster relief programs and share information on how to cope with the volcanic ash.

### **The Next Decade**

AGNET has undergone significant changes during its first decade of existence--from a handful of management models for use by university personnel to an international network where private and public concerns work together to serve the diverse agricultural community. With over 200 programs online, we continue to add new services for our users. AGNET's clients presently include those involved in agricultural production, educational and financial institutions, governmental agencies, and agribusiness firms. We have no "crystal ball" to tell us what changes will occur in the next decade. We'll simply do what we did in the first decade: listen to our users.

For more information, or to obtain a copy of the 1984 AGNET Annual Report which reviews the first decade, contact the Central AGNET office, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68583-0713, (402) 472-1892.






## NEWS NOTES

### HARRY TRELOGAN, PAST PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATES, DIES

The Associates NAL, Inc. notes with sadness the passing of Dr. Harry C. Trelogan. A member of the Associates since its founding, Dr. Trelogan served as President (1980-81) and Treasurer (1978-80 and 1982-83).

During a long and distinguished career, Dr. Trelogan was the first administrator of USDA's Statistical Reporting Service and founder of its Washington Data Processing Center. Dr. Trelogan was coauthor of "Agricultural Market Prices" which appeared in 1951. He was also the recipient of numerous honors including the USDA's superior and distinguished service medals.

The Harry C. Trelogan Scholarship Fund has been established in his memory in care of West Virginia University, College of Agriculture and Forestry, Dean Ambrester, Room 1003, Agriculture and Science, Morgantown, WV 26506. 


### PENN STATE SEEKS LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL

The Pennsylvania State University Libraries have an entry-level opening for a Life Sciences Reference Librarian. Responsibilities include reference service, collection development, database searching, and library instruction. Educational background in agricultural or biological sciences preferred. Salary \$16,800. Application deadline April 30, 1985. Send letter, resume, and names of three references to Anne Minshall, Administrative Coordinator, The Pennsylvania State University Libraries, E505 Pattee, Box B-33, University Park, PA 16802

### PERMANENT PAPER STANDARD PUBLISHED

The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) has announced the publication of American National Standard Z39.48-1984 Permanence of Paper for Printed Library Materials. This standard establishes criteria for permanence of uncoated papers. Paper which conforms to this standard's requirements for pH, alkaline reserve, and freedom from groundwood is anticipated to last several hundred years in contrast to many of the papers now commonly in use.


Supported in part by a grant from the Council on Library Resources, the standard recommends that all publications printed on paper that meets the requirements should carry a statement and symbol of compliance.

Copies of the standard are available for \$5.00 from the American National Standards Institute, Sales Department, 1430 Broadway, New York, New York 10018. 

### NAL RECEIVES RARE 'TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

A recent donation to NAL's rare book collection is Mitchell's Travellers Guide Through the United States... (Philadelphia: Thomas, Cowperthwait, and Company, 1839). This particular edition is apparently quite rare and is not listed in the National Union Catalog: Pre-1956 Imprints.

Samuel Augustus Mitchell (1792-1868) was a teacher with literary talents who turned his energies to writing and publishing textbooks, maps, and geographical manuals. He remains to this day a milestone figure in the development of American geography.

The NAL has an ongoing special collections program for manuscripts, archival materials, rare books, early periodicals, pamphlets, photographs, etc. For more information contact: Alan Fusonie, Assistant Chief for Special Collections, Room 301A, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD 20705, (301) 344-3876. 

The BioSciences Information Service (BIOSIS) recently announced the appointment of Dr. Henry M. Cathey, Director of the U.S. National Arboretum to its board of directors.

BIOSIS, a not-for-profit organization, is the producer of the world's largest English-language database for biological and biomedical research literature and is the publisher of Biological Abstracts and Biological Abstracts/RRM, as well as a number of other related information products and services.

For more information, contact BIOSIS User Services, 2100 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1399 USA. Toll free (800) 523-4806 (except Alaska, Hawaii, Pennsylvania) or (215) 387-4800 worldwide. Telex: 831739.



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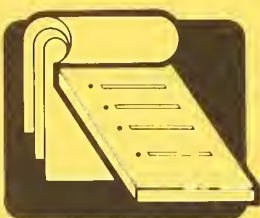
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The following publications are surplus to the needs of the National Agricultural Library's collection. They will be made available to any interested organization that regularly sends free publications to NAL. This includes most Federal, land-grant, and agricultural research institutions as well as many others. Foreign institutions will need to provide a U.S. mailing address or make other special arrangements with U.S. sources for shipment of material.

If interested, please write to: National Agricultural Library, USDA, Attn: Collection Development - Gifts, Beltsville, MD 20705, or call Leslie Kulp, (301) 344-1562.

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"Project Bookshare" is the name of a new American Chemical Society program in which chemistry textbooks and back issues of journals are collected from donors and made available to libraries at selected small U.S. colleges and to college and university libraries in developing countries.

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Lists and inquiries should be directed to Gordon Bixler, Department of International Affairs, American Chemical Society, 1155 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 872-4449.



### 1984 YEARBOOK OF AGRICULTURE PUBLISHED

The 1984 Yearbook of Agriculture, Animal Health-Livestock and Pets is now available for purchase.

The 688-page hardback has 87 chapters, 32 pages of color photos, and more than 300 black and white photos. Fifty-four authors, including specialists from USDA and state land-grant universities and private veterinarians, wrote or co-authored chapters.

The book contains sections on raising backyard poultry and pet birds, cattle, sheep and goats, swine, fish, dogs and cats, rabbits, and other small animals and horses.

Copies of the yearbook are available for \$10 each from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.



## NEW PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE

1984 ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND HIGHER EDUCATION. A REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE. Washington, D.C., Joint Council on Food and Agricultural Sciences. Nov. 1984. 42 p. Free. Single copies are available by contacting Larry Miller, Joint Council on Food & Agricultural Sciences, Rm. 321-A, Admin. Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20250.

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## ASSOCIATES HOLD GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING


A meeting of the membership was held January 25, for the purpose of making some necessary changes to the By-laws. Some of the actions merely formalized de facto procedures that had come into usage since the By-laws were originally adopted. However, the primary revision involved dues setting responsibilities. It was voted that the Board of Directors should have the power to determine the dues schedule, which had previously been set in the By-laws and required a vote of the membership to change. President Harry Dewey proposed that individual dues be raised to \$15.00 per year and that institutional and industrial dues remain the same. The proposal, which was unanimously approved marks the first increase in dues since 1970.

Another refinement of the By-laws created an Executive Committee of the Board of Directors empowered to act on nonpolicy matters that might require attention between Board meetings. Members of the Executive Committee are the president, the executive secretary, and a third Board member to be chosen on a rotational basis from among the officers.

A Book Fair, sponsored by the Associates in observance of National Library Week, April 15 and 17, was announced and members were asked for donations of used books. Volunteers are also needed to assist with preparations and to help during the sale days.

The meeting also featured a showing of the slide program, "U.S. Farm Policy at a Crossroads," designed to provide background material for discussions on the 1985 Farm Bill. Also shown was a videotape of the signing, by Secretary Block and a representative of the American Florists Endowment, of the agreement under which NAL and the Associates will receive funds to enhance NAL's floriculture collection and services to the floriculture industry.

Jayne T. MacLean

Recording Secretary 



## AGRICULTURE DATEBOOK

April 11: 1982 CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE USER'S CONFERENCE. Bloomington, IL. Contact: Mrs. Rue E. Olson, Illinois Farm Bureau, P. O. Box 2901, Bloomington, IL 61702-2901. Tel: (309) 557-2550.

April 18-29: AGRICULTURE COMMUNICATORS CONFERENCE. Hilton Inn, Columbia, MO. Contact: Dick Lee, Agriculture Editor, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65201. Tel: (314) 882-8237.

April 22-24: NASDA AGRICULTURE AND FOOD EXPOSITION. Convention Center, H. Roe Bartle Hall, Kansas City, MO. Sponsored by the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture and the Foreign Agricultural Service of USDA. Highlighting food, seed, nursery, and forestry products for export. Contact: F. Farrell Higbee, 1616 H St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. Tel: (202) 628-1566.

April 30-May 2: NATIONAL ONLINE MEETING. Sheraton Centre Hotel, New York, NY. Contact: Thomas H. Hogan, Meeting Organizer, Learned Information Inc. 143 Old Marlton Pike, Medford, NJ 08055. Tel: (609) 654-6266.

May 9-11: TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION. Washington, D.C., Washington Hotel. Contact: Barry Moriarity, Dept. of Geography, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

May 13-15: AIM ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Waldorf-Astoria, New York, NY. "AIMing Towards Chief Information Officer." Contact: Barbie Keiser, Conf. Committee Chairman, The Penn Central Corporation, New York, NY. Tel: (212) 599-8234.


May 19-22: 32ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE (ITCC), SOCIETY FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNICATORS. Westin Galleria Hotel, Houston, TX. Contact: STC Headquarters, 815 15th St., N.W., Suite 516, Washington, D.C. 20005. Tel: (202) 737-0035.


May 19-22: ASIS MID-YEAR MEETING. Bahiá Mar Hotel, Fort Lauderdale, FL. "Telecommunication and Networking: Supplying the Missing Link." Contact ASIS, 1010 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Tel: (202) 659-3644.

May 26-31: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE ANNUAL MEETING. Los Angeles Hilton and West Bonaventure Hotels, Los Angeles, CA. Contact: AAAS, 1101 Vermont Ave., Washington, D.C. 20005.

June 2-6: INFORMATION FOR FOOD. VII World Congress of the International Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists. Ottawa, Canada. Contact: Canadian Planning Committee, IAALD 1985, Room 249, Sir John Carling Blvd., Agriculture Canada, Ottawa, Canada, K1A 0C5.

June 2-14: COUNCIL ON BOTANICAL & HORTICULTURAL LIBRARIES 17TH ANNUAL MEETING. Park Lane Hotel, Ottawa, Ont., Canada. Contact: Eva Gavara, Plant Research Library, Agriculture Canada, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa K1A 0C6, Canada. Tel: (613) 996-1665, Ext. 225.

June 8-13: SLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Winnepeg, Canada. "The Information Specialist: A Bridge to the New Communications." Co-sponsored by CASLIS. Contact: Barbara Palajian, Manager of Conferences & Exhibits, SLA, 235 Park Ave. S., New York, NY 10003. Tel: (212) 477-9250. 

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